

MARYLAND'S WORKFORCE INDICATORS

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Employment Situation Summary, from the Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation

BALTIMORE, 11/23/10) -- Alexander M. Sanchez, Secretary of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, announced today that Maryland added approximately 5,900 jobs in October on a preliminary basis as compared with September's revised totals. Maryland has now generated approximately 40,600 net jobs since January, adding jobs at a rate that is higher than the national growth rate during that period. This marks the fifth straight month that 2010 job totals have risen above year-ago figures, and the first time since 2006 that payrolls have increased from September to October.

"We are pleased that job growth has continued to increase in this challenging economic climate," said Secretary Sanchez. "We are committed to working with employers to create new opportunities for all Marylanders, and hope that Maryland's success will soon be reflected on a national level."

September's unemployment rate was revised downward from 7.5% to 7.4%, and October's preliminary estimates have held steady at 7.4%; however, there was an increase of 10,466 in the number of employed Marylanders. This marks the first September-October employment increase since 2007. On a national level, the rate remains at 9.6%, while employment declined and unemployment increased.

The private sector was responsible for the majority of October's growth, with the retail trade sector adding the most jobs (+4,100). This is the first time that the retail industry has posted a September-October increase since 2006. The administrative and support services sector reported an increase of 2,000 jobs, partly due to the growth of temp agencies. Notable gains were also observed in the health care and social assistance sector (+2,200) and the educational services sector (+2,100, possibly owing to increased hiring by colleges and universities receiving grants).

Over the past year, Maryland has gained a total of 28,400 jobs, for a growth rate of 1.1 percent - nearly twice the national rate of 0.6%.

Source: Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation

Employment and Unemployment (October 2010 Data) – Seasonally Adjusted

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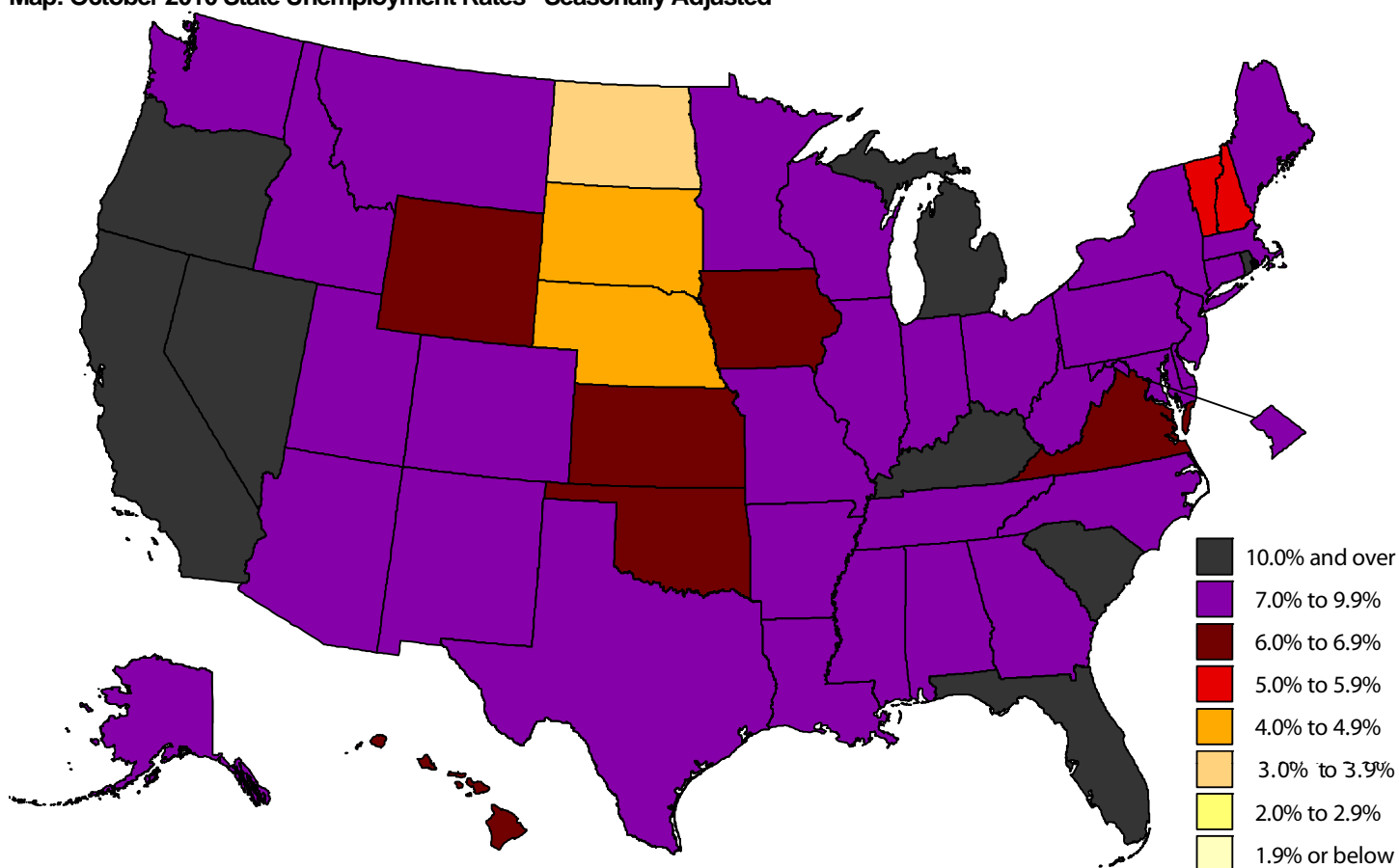
Table: Maryland Labor Force, Employment, and Unemployment – Seasonally Adjusted

	October 2009	September 2010	October 2010	One Year Change	One Month Change
Labor Force	2,965,796	2,954,805	2,963,751	-2,045	8,946
Employed Marylanders	2,749,052	2,735,029	2,745,495	-3,557	10,466
Unemployed Marylanders	216,744	219,776	218,256	1,512	-1,520
Unemployment Rate	7.3%	7.4%	7.4%	0.1%	0.0%

Data Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Unemployment Rates by State (October 2010 Data)
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Map: October 2010 State Unemployment Rates –Seasonally Adjusted



Data Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Table: Ranking October 2010 State Unemployment Rates – Seasonally Adjusted

Rank	State	October 10'
1	North Dakota	3.8%
2	South Dakota	4.5%
3	Nebraska	4.7%
4	New Hampshire	5.4%
5	Vermont	5.7%
6	Hawaii	6.4%
7	Iowa	6.7%
7	Kansas	6.7%
7	Wyoming	6.7%
10	Virginia	6.8%
11	Oklahoma	6.9%
12	Minnesota	7.1%
13	Montana	7.3%
14	Maine	7.4%
14	Maryland	7.4%
16	Utah	7.6%
17	Arkansas	7.8%

Rank	State	October 10'
17	Wisconsin	7.8%
19	Alaska	7.9%
20	Louisiana	8.1%
20	Massachusetts	8.1%
20	Texas	8.1%
23	Delaware	8.3%
23	New York	8.3%
25	Colorado	8.4%
25	New Mexico	8.4%
27	Pennsylvania	8.8%
28	Alabama	8.9%
29	Connecticut	9.1%
29	Idaho	9.1%
29	Washington	9.1%
32	New Jersey	9.2%
33	West Virginia	9.3%
34	Missouri	9.4%

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34	Tennessee	9.4%
36	Arizona	9.5%
37	North Carolina	9.6%
38	District Of Columbia	9.7%
38	Mississippi	9.7%
40	Illinois	9.8%
41	Georgia	9.9%
41	Indiana	9.9%
41	Ohio	9.9%
44	Kentucky	10.0%
45	Oregon	10.5%
46	South Carolina	10.7%
47	Rhode Island	11.4%
48	Florida	11.9%
49	California	12.4%
50	Michigan	12.8%
51	Nevada	14.2%

Data Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Job Gains and Losses (October 2010 Data) – Seasonally Adjusted

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Table: One Year Change and One Month Change in Employment in Maryland, by Industry - Seasonally Adjusted

Industry Title	October 2009	September 2010	October 2010	Change		
				From October 2009	From September 2010	
Total Nonfarm	2,503,000	2,525,500	2,531,400	1.1%	0.2%	↑
Natural Resources, Mining & Construction	145,800	150,700	148,800	2.1%	-1.3%	↓
Manufacturing	117,100	111,700	112,100	-4.3%	0.4%	↑
Durable Goods	62,700	60,500	60,300	-3.8%	-0.3%	↓
Nondurable Goods	54,400	51,200	51,800	-4.8%	1.2%	↑
Trade, Transportation, Warehousing, Utilities	437,000	432,200	437,100	0.0%	1.1%	↑
Wholesale Trade	88,300	87,400	87,800	-0.6%	0.5%	↑
Retail Trade	273,200	272,000	276,100	1.1%	1.5%	↑
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	75,500	72,800	73,200	-3.0%	0.5%	↑
Information	45,000	44,900	44,700	-0.7%	-0.4%	↓
Financial Activities	141,500	137,500	137,900	-2.5%	0.3%	↑
Finance and Insurance	99,700	96,500	96,400	-3.3%	-0.1%	↓
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	41,800	41,000	41,500	-0.7%	1.2%	↑
Professional and Business Services	381,400	391,600	394,600	3.5%	0.8%	↑
Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services	223,400	233,300	234,400	4.9%	0.5%	↑
Management of Companies & Enterprises	19,500	21,600	21,500	10.3%	-0.5%	↓
Administrative & Support Services	138,500	136,700	138,700	0.1%	1.5%	↑
Educational & Health Care & Social Assistance	396,900	403,100	407,400	2.6%	1.1%	↑
Educational Services	74,000	73,500	75,600	2.2%	2.9%	↑
Health Care & Social Assistance	322,900	329,600	331,800	2.8%	0.7%	↑
Leisure & Hospitality	231,000	243,400	239,500	3.7%	-1.6%	↓
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	34,400	38,400	38,000	10.5%	-1.0%	↓
Accommodation & Food Services	196,600	205,000	201,500	2.5%	-1.7%	↓
Other Services	115,700	110,900	110,900	-4.1%	0.0%	→
Government	491,600	499,500	498,400	1.4%	-0.2%	↓
Federal Government	133,500	138,100	137,500	3.0%	-0.4%	↓
State Government	110,100	110,500	108,800	-1.2%	-1.5%	↓
Local Government	248,000	250,900	252,100	1.7%	0.5%	↑

Data Source: Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation

↑ = Increased, ↓ = Decreased, and → No Change

Unemployment Insurance Claims (October 2010 Data)

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Table: Unemployment Insurance Claims Filed

Month	Oct. 2009	Sep. 2010	Oct. 2010	One Year Change	One Year Change (%)	One Month Change	One Month Change (%)
Initial Claims	34,105	26,441	30,062	-4,043	-11.9%	3,621	13.7%
Weeks Claimed	301,932	266,304	269,831	-32,101	-10.6%	3,527	1.3%
Final Payments	8,252	5,872	6,417	-1,835	-22.2%	545	9.3%

Data Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Mass Layoffs and Plant Closures (October 2010 Data)

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Table: Mass Layoff and Plant Closure Notices in Maryland*

	Jan.-Oct. 2008	Jan.-Oct. 2009	Jan.-Oct. 2010	One Year Change	One Year Change (%)
Notices of Mass Layoffs and Plant Closures	32	66	34	-32	-48%
Affected Employees	3,438	5,333	4,458	-875	-16%

Data Source: Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation

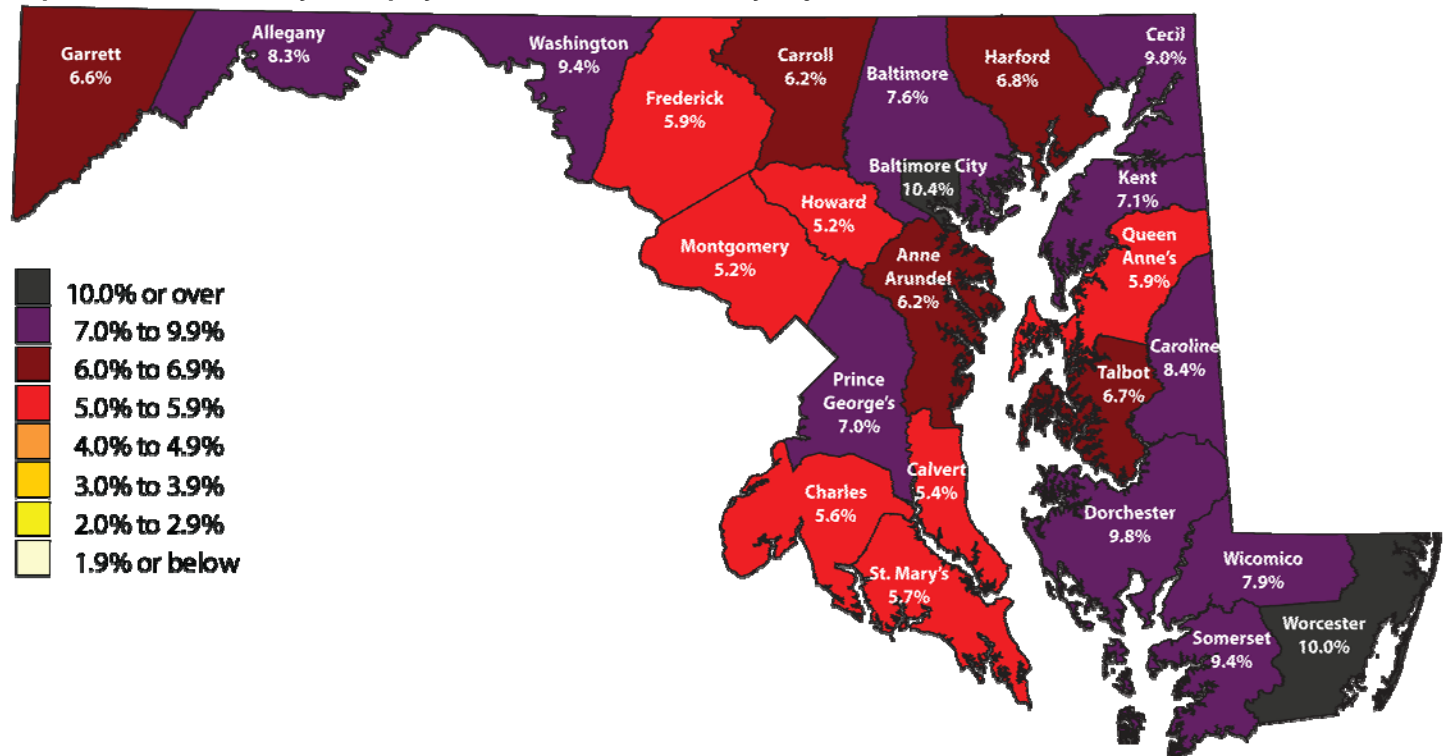
* Based on notice date, not date of closing or layoff.

** The number of affected workers from two of the events was not known.

Unemployment Rates by County (October 2010 Data)

Next Scheduled Data Update: February 2, 2011 (November Data)

Map: October 2010 County Unemployment Rates – Not Seasonally Adjusted



Data Source: Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation

Map Prepared by: Governor's Workforce Investment Board

Table: October 2010 County Unemployment Rates – Not Seasonally Adjusted

Rank	County	October 10'
1	Howard	5.2%
1	Montgomery	5.2%
3	Calvert	5.4%
4	Charles	5.6%
4	St. Mary's	5.7%
6	Queen Anne's	5.9%
6	Carroll	5.9%
6	Frederick	5.9%
9	Anne Arundel	6.2%
10	Garrett	6.6%
11	Talbot	6.7%
12	Harford	6.8%
13	Prince George's	7.0%

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14	Kent	7.1%
15	Baltimore	7.6%
16	Wicomico	7.9%
17	Allegany	8.3%
18	Caroline	8.4%
18	Cecil	9.0%
20	Washington	9.4%
20	Dorchester	9.4%
20	Somerset	9.4%
23	Worcester	10.0%
24	Baltimore City	10.4%
MARYLAND		6.9%

Data Source: Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation

Table: Schedule of Release Dates for 2010 Data

Reference Month	U.S. Data	State	Other Areas
January	February 5, 2010	March 10, 2010	March 19, 2010
February	March 5, 2010	March 26, 2010	April 7, 2010
March	April 2, 2010	April 16, 2010	April 28, 2010
April	May 7, 2010	May 21, 2010	June 2, 2010
May	June 4, 2010	June 18, 2010	June 30, 2010
June	July 2, 2010	July 20, 2010	July 28, 2010
July	August 6, 2010	August 20, 2010	September 1, 2010
August	September 3, 2010	September 21, 2010	September 29, 2010
September	October 8, 2010	October 22, 2010	November 3, 2010
October	November 5, 2010	November 23, 2010	December 7, 2010
November	December 3, 2010	December 17, 2010	January 4, 2011
December	January 7, 2011	January 25, 2011	February 2, 2011

Data Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics